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Memorandum



To : SAC, WFO (9A-New)

Date 12/30/83

From : SA [redacted] (C-4)

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Subject : UNSUB;
HARRASSING AND
THREATENING TELEPHONE
CALLS TO THE RESIDENCE
OF U.S. SENATOR JOHN TOWER
EXTORTION
OO: WFO

At approximately 9:00pm, 12/29/83, the writer was telephonically contacted by U.S. Capitol Police Sgt. [redacted] Special Investigations Division, who advised that Senator Tower began receiving telephone calls on his private, [redacted] 265-2500 unlisted residence telephone around 10:00 am 12/29/83. During the first six calls, the caller who sounded as if he had a Middle East accent, would ask for something such as "Is this the mosque?", "Is this the insurance company?" or "Is this the school?". An additional 13 calls were received during which the caller breathed heavy and hung up or just kept an open line.

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Referral/Consult

Tower has advised that at [redacted]

[redacted] Tower feels the above described telephone calls may be related to his trip. While no direct threats have been made during any of the telephone calls, the Senator considers there to be an implied threat.

Beginning on the evening of 12/29/83, USCP, Protective Services Division, began providing around-the-clock protection for the Senator.

On the morning of 12/30/83, the writer will interview Senator Tower regarding the above matter and will consider installing a consensual monitoring device and instituting trap and trace procedures, with the concurrence of ASAC/C and USA's office.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, WFO (9A-5086)(C)

Date 1/3/84

From : SA [redacted] (C-4)

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HARRASSING AND THREATENING TELEPHONE
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Remymemo dated 12/30/83.

On the morning of 12/30/83, the writer interviewed Senator Tower at his residence, 20 Kalorama Circle, N.W., WDC. At that time Tower advised there have been no additional telephone calls of the nature received on the previous day. Tower reiterated that no direct threats were made during the calls and it is now his opinion that the calls were no more than harrassment and the caller may not of known whose residence he was calling.

Senator Tower was advised of the Bureau's jurisdiction and investigative steps (consensual monitoring and trap and trace) that would be taken if threats were made. Tower advised he did not feel such steps would be necessary at this time. He was provided with the home telephone number and beeper number of the writer should additional calls be received during the holiday weekend. Tower also requested of U.S. Capitol Police Sgt. [redacted] [redacted] present during interview, that the USCP protective detail assigned to him be removed.

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As of this date there has been no indication the calls have resumed and the Senator has departed the United States [redacted] Referral/Consult

It is recommended this matter be closed.

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On 4/13/84, [] again contacted [] to advise that CUMMINGS was still experiencing problems with her telephone. CUMMINGS was allegedly suffering:

1. Beeping and other static on the line.
2. Cross conversations.
3. Improperly functioning call-waiting.
4. Telephone ringing and no caller being there.
5. A problem in calling telephone number [] (listed to a [] [])
6. "Obscene" telephone calls.

CUMMINGS was contacted and stated that, in addition to the above, she picked up her telephone once and heard someone she claims had earlier called, in what CUMMINGS described as an obscene telephone call, talking to a child. CUMMINGS hung up. CUMMINGS stated she had received an obscene telephone call on Tuesday, 4/10/84, and Wednesday, 4/11/84, between 10:00 and 11:00 p.m. CUMMINGS did not describe what these obscene calls consisted of.

[] advised, at CUMMINGS' verbal request, a trap was set up on her telephone line on 4/13/84, at 4:33 p.m. (verbal permission was received at 4:23 p.m.). CUMMINGS was instructed to keep a record of the obscene or questionable telephone calls she received, as well as a record of the mechanical problems she was having with the line.

CUMMINGS did this, and from 4/15/84 through 4/21/84, numerous occurrences of noises on the line, cross conversations, malfunctioning in the call-waiting system, and questionable calls or wrong numbers were recorded by CUMMINGS.

[] explained that the trap will record the following information concerning telephone calls: The trap will record the date and time of an incoming call and will record the telephone number

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as well, if it is in the same exchange as the number being called. If the exchange is not the same, the different exchange will be recorded, as well as the trunk group the call came from.

[] stated that CUMMINGS made numerous entries of the telephone ringing and no one being on the line, and of unknown callers asking for locations such as the PITTS HOTEL. [] explained that, in some cases, no calls were recorded on the trap. Additionally, the "wrong number" telephone calls reflected no pattern, as the calls originated from several different locations.

[] advised C & P was approaching CUMMINGS' complaints from a mechanical standpoint as a first step, attempting to discover if her complaints have a basis in equipment malfunctioning. But [] related that, after extensive checking, no mechanical problem had yet been located.

[] then stated CUMMINGS' problems might be caused by an electronic surveillance device which had been poorly installed. This would account for no records being made of some of the telephone calls CUMMINGS claimed she received. This might also account for some of the noises and malfunctions CUMMINGS claimed occurred on the line.

[] advised C & P Telephone Company would maintain the trap and attempt to locate any subjects or suspects who might be making harassing telephone calls to CUMMINGS' residence. Additionally, [] intends to switch CUMMINGS' lines so as to eliminate the possibility of a mechanical problem.

On 5/4/84, a "sweep" was conducted of CUMMINGS' residence, and no electronic surveillance devices were located. (Sweep conducted by USCP.) During this process, CUMMINGS stated she habitually washes her telephones by submerging them in hot water. The sweep proved negative.

The writer will maintain contact with USCP and C & P Security concerning this matter. Until such time as investigative leads develop in this matter, it will remain in a closed status.